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VIA HAND DELIVERY

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Ms. Lynn Fabrizio
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New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission
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Re: DM 05-172 Verizon New Hampshire Utility Pole Investigation

Dear Ms. Fabrizio:

In accordance with the Procedural Order of December 9, 2005, enclosed please find Verizon New Hampshire's responses to Staff's first set of data requests.

Verizon New Hampshire considers certain of the information requested to be proprietary and competitively sensitive. Such information is or will be provided subject to confidential treatment in accordance with RSA 378:43 and a duly executed protective agreement. Specifically, the proprietary information is not general public knowledge or published elsewhere; Verizon New Hampshire has taken measures to prevent dissemination of the information in the ordinary course of business; and the information pertains to the provision of competitive services and/or sets forth confidential, financial or commercial information.

In its Procedural Order, the Commission also invited the parties to provide to Staff a suggested "prioritization and grouping of issues" raised in this docket. Accordingly, Verizon New Hampshire recommends the following sequence and groupings of issues as a reasonable way of addressing the topics identified in the Procedural Order:

1. Emergency Issues
 - call-out procedures
 - timely removal of hazardous poles
 - inter-company communication and notification
2. Utility Relationships among Joint Owners
 - pole line trimming

- pole maintenance
 - timely placement and removal of poles
 - inter-company communication and notification
3. Utility Relationships with Retail Customers
- new service provisioning
 - private property construction practices and charges
4. Utility Relationships with Licensees
- competitive issues, if any, associated with licensing practices

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,

/s/Victor D. Del Vecchio

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Enclosures

cc: Service List (email)